

Serial No. 09/712,145
Amendment dated July 22, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 29, 2005

Docket No. K-0234

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 17 have been amended and claim 18 has been cancelled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the abstract, specification and claims 1-5, 17 and 18 were objected to; claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Sriram; claims 1-5 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections; noted in the Office Action and claim 18 was indicated as allowable if rewritten independent form.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, claim 17 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in dependent claim 18.

Further, the abstract, specification, and claims have been amended in light of the comments noted in the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested these objections be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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